THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The policy of the Government is not to promote an officer against whom an enquiry as a result of disciplinary action is pending. This policy is also followed in the cases of officers/doctors working in the Ministry and Hospitals/Medical Colleges under Central Government.

(b) No such complaint has been received from Member of Parliament against any Association Professor of Medicine in Maulana Azad Medical College. Moreover, no Associate Professor of Medicine of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi has been posted to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia *Hospital, New Delhi.*

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recommendations of Medical Council of India on Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy

2407. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India is competent to recommend guidelines concerning physiotherapy/occupational therapy;

(b) if so, how many such recommendations have been made by the Council during last 10 years; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy is a para medical subject and as such does not fall under the purview of the Medical Council of India. However, the medical students are imparted due training in Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy during their *undergraduate* course. The Council in its recommendations on Post-graduate Medical Education have provided for Post-Graduate degree course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and diploma course in Occupational Health.

Dismissal of casual employees by the Eastern and Southern Railways

2408. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern and Southern Railways have recently dismissed a large number of casual employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of the casual employees at present in all the Zones; and

(d) what is the number of casual employees in the Railways who have been working as such for more than two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Performance of Indian Shipping

2409. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian shipping which had been showing a steady growth every year has registered a decline during 1985;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what has been the total percentage of decline; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of the Indian shipping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1985 more tonnage was scrapped compared to tonnage added, which resulted in decline in Indian shipping tonnage.

(c) Total percentage decline during calender year 1985 was approximately 6 per cent.

(d) In order to improve the performance of Indian Shipping, Indian shipping companies have been granted loans at concessional rates of interest for acquisition of modern fuel-efficient tonnage. Shipping companies have also been allowed reschedulement of their overdues to Shipping Development Fund Committee and to commercial banks from time to time in view of continuing recession prevailing in Shipping Industry. Besides above, certain measures of cargo support like instructions to public sector undertakings/Government Departments to negotiate C&F exports and FOB imports have been issued. Certain concessions to importers for using Indian vessels in the matter of import licence and to exporters for using Indian vessels in the matter of replenishment licence have also been extended.

Kazipet-Secunderabad Rail Line

2410. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of developing Kazipet-Secunderabad rail line has been completed; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Doubling of single line sections between Kazipet and Secunderabad is being progressed according to availability of resources.

National Highway No. 5

2411. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for widening the National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this project; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The widening work of National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar is likely to cost about Rs. 30 crores and as such is being done in phases. In view of financial constraints and due to non-availability of land in this section of Natioanl Highway No. 5 it is premature to indicate, at this stage, the likely date of completion of the work.

Proposed Rail Line between Jeypur and Malkangiri

2412. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of a rail line from Jeypur to Malkangiri in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the above proposal has been included for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what is the estimate cost of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Train between Titlagarh-Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar

2413. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a train between